

Livestock market and auction news

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FEEDER STEERS:
Choice 300-400 lbs. 39.50-42.25; 400-500 lbs. 38.00-40.50. 500-600 lbs. 38.00-41.00; 700-900 lbs. 36.00-37.50, some Choice short coupled and mixed Good and Choice 300-550 lbs. 36.00-39.00; 600-750 lbs. 35.00-37.00. Good 300-650 lbs. 34.00-36.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS:
Choice 300-500 lbs. 31.50-33.75, few lots 650-750 lbs. 32.00-32.50. Mixed Good and Choice 250-500 lbs. 29.25-31.00. Good 300-550 lbs. 25.75-29.50.

Leesport Auction

Leesport, Pa.
December 7, 1977

CATTLE 450. Supply included 127 head feeder cattle. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers mostly 50 cent to \$1 higher. Slaughter cows 50 cent to \$1.50 lower. Choice No. 2-4 1000-1275 lbs. slaughter steers 42.85-45.50, one at 46.00, Good 37.00-42.00, Standard 33.50-36.85, few Utility 28.00-32.85. Choice slaughter heifers 37.60-41.00, few No. 1 at 43.00, few Standard & Good 33.00-35.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 23.25-26.10, couple to 26.50, Cutters 22.35-24.85, Canner & Low Cutter 20.00-22.85, Shells down to 16.00. Few Standard & Good slaughter bullocks 34.00-38.00. Yield Grade #1 1150-1800 lbs. slaughter bulls 28.75-32.85. Choice 450-700 lbs. feeder steers 35.00-38.25, Medium 300-475 lbs. 27.25-34.50. Choice 500-800 lbs. feeder heifers 30.50-35.25.

CALVES 215. Vealers grading Standard & Good 70-110 lbs. \$1 to \$3 lower. ew Choice vealers 62.00-72.50, Good 42.00-54.00, few Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 37.00-42.00, 90-110 lbs. 29.00-35.00, Standard 70-85 lbs. 22.00-30.00, Utility 50-100 lbs. 15.00-20.00. Few Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 32.00-38.50, one at 49.50; few holstein heifers 100-120 lbs. 48.00-62.00.

HOGS 455. Barrows & gilts \$4.50 to \$5 higher. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 48.10-48.75, No. 1-3 210-240 lbs. 47.75-48.60, few lots 220-260 lbs. 47.00-47.50, No. 2-4 260-285 lbs. 40.50-45.00. US No. 1-3 300-575 lbs. sows 33.00-37.50. Boars 25.00-34.50.

FEEDER PIGS 170. All prices cwt. US No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. feeder pigs 58.00-78.00 cwt., No. 1-3 60-90 lbs. 50.00-60.00 cwt.

SHEEP 27. Choice 65-100 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 56.50-61.00, Good 55.85 lbs. 45.00-55.50. IFew Slaughter ewes 12.00-15.00.

Peoria Auction

Peoria, Illinois
December 8, 1977

Estimated receipts this week 6050; Last Week 7700; and Last year 6900.

Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers steady to 50 higher. Slaughter heifers 1.00 higher. Cows 50-1.00 lower. Bulls weak to 50 lower. Receipts about 65 pct slaughter steers; 30 pct

slaughter heifers and the balance mostly cows. Slaughter steers and heifers worked sharply higher at mid-week due to weather curtailing receipts.

SLAUGHTER STEERS:
Choice and Prime 3-5, 1100-1225 lbs. 42.25-43.50. Couple loads at mid-week 44.25-44.75. Choice 2-4 950-1200 lbs. 41.00-42.25; Late 42.50-43.25. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4, 900-1250 lbs. 39.50-42.50. Good 2-3, 38.00-39.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:
Choice and Prime 3-4, 900-1050 lbs. 39.50-40.25; Load 40.75; on Wednesday, 41.50-42.00. Choice 2-4, 850-1050 lbs. 38.00-39.50, closing 40.00-41.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4, 750-1000 lbs. 37.00-40.00. Good 2-3 33.50-37.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4, 21.00-23.50, Few 24.00-24.50. Cutter 1-2, 19.00-21.00. Canner 17.00-19.00, few light-weight 15.00-16.00.

BULLS: Yg 1-2, 1100-1700 lbs. 27.00-30.00. Few Yg 1, 31.00-31.50; Few 1000-1100 lbs. 24.00-26.00.

Omaha Cattle

Omaha, Nebraska
December 8, 1977

Cattle - Compared with the previous week's close -

Through mid-week, slaughter steers and heifers were mostly 50C higher instances 75C higher, some late sales steers 1.00-1.25 up. Cows were steady to weak, bulls weak to 1.00 lower.

Four day receipts 16,800 as compared 17,200 previous week and 16,300 a year ago. Demand was generally good for slaughter steers and heifers, and some trade stimulation was provided by bitter cold over the trade area and poor road conditions in some sections. Most interests were in need of cattle for immediate requirements, and there was mild strength on carcass prices by the wholesale level with improved demand. The local supply included a fair percentage choice steers and heifers although many loadlots were dirty or carrying a moderate amount of mud in reflection of worsening feedlot conditions. Slaughter steers made up approximately 41 pct and heifers 37 pct. cows comprised 9 pct and feeders 11 pct.

STEERS: Load choice and prime 3-4 1184 lbs. 44.25 late, two loads and part load choice and prime 3-4 1175-1238 lbs. 43.65-43.75 at

midweek, several loads and part loads same grade 3-4 1088-1225 lbs. 43.25-43.50. Load choice and prime 4-5 muddy 1420 lbs. 39.00. Choice 2-4 975-1275 lbs. closed 42.50-43.50. Mixed good and choice 2-3 975-1250 lbs. 41.50-42.50, three loads predominately 2 1350 lb. holsteins 39.00. Good 2-3 38.00-41.50. Standard and Good 2-3 36.00-37.50.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations, for choice 900-110 lb. steers this week 42.62; choice 1100-1300 lbs. 42.82. Average weight steers first three days 1153 lbs. as compared 1126 lbs. previous week. Average weight heifers first three days 959 lbs. as compared 975 lbs. previous week.

HEIFERS: six loads and part loads choice and prime 3-4 954-1068 lbs. 42.00-42.25 late. Choice 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 40.50-41.75, occasionally 42.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 850-1000 lbs. 39.00-40.25. Good 2-3 35.50-38.50. Small lots standard and good 2-3 32.50-34.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 24.00-25.50, few high dressing 26.00-26.75. Canner and Cutter 21.00-24.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1400-1800 lbs. 28.50-31.50.

WHAT'S NEW

HAYTENDERS

Two new haytenders, the MF 725 and MF 925, have been added to Massey-Ferguson hay harvesting line to fill the need for mower conditioners. The machines cut, condition and windrow hay in one operation.

The MF 725 has a 9 foot 7 inch overall width and a cut of 7 feet 3 inches. The MF 925 is 11 foot 7 inches wide with a cut of 9 foot 3 inches.

Both models are equipped with a three-position dial hitch operated from the tractor seat by a rope pull system. A nylon rub plate in the dial hitch provides a smooth sliding surface when changing positions. In transport, the haytender is within the tractor's width to allow passage through narrow gates. The outer field position permits the tractor to straddle wide windrows from previous rounds.

Key features include an enclosed PTO to prevent crop wrapping or tractor wheel damage, a standard 540 rpm PTO convertible to 1000 rpm in the field, a sprag clutch to protect the drives and tractor clutch, and a belt drive with spring-loaded front straddle-mounted idler to control belt tension and eliminate the need for a slip clutch.

The heavy duty knife drive operates at 1600 strokes per minute, and the knife head has a rubber bushing to absorb tension and shock. The 21-in. diameter, fully enclosed drum reel provides increased strength and feeding ability. This reduces hay bunching and drive belt strain.

The simple roll design - a fluted steel top roll and a spiral-grooved ticord bottom roll - allows the stems and

leaves to dry at the same time and prevents over-conditioning and wrapping. The design also eliminates the need for timing the rolls. The rolls open 2 inches when the machine is raised for transport. This makes unplugging easy.

Other features include a swath gate control, 38 inch cutterhead-to-wheels spacing to prevent gouging, "terra" tires for flotation, extra knife storage, a guard straightening tool, tool box and tall crop divider as standard equipment.

GRINDER-BLOWER

A multi-purpose grinder/recutter that doubles as a high-capacity blower has been introduced by Farmhand, Inc., farm equipment manufacturer based here. By changing screens, hammers or choosing an alternative hopper, the grinder-blower may be used to grind hay bales, high moisture grains, stover or used just as a forage blower.

Heart of the F88 grinder-blower is a 650-pound flywheel mill that operates inside a 10 inch by 57 inch chamber. Six hammer assemblies with four hammers per assembly are mounted on the 1 inch thick flywheel. Screens encircle the interior of the chamber and are quartered for easy changing. Removing the screens and hammer assemblies lets the unit operate as a blower without particle reduction.

A choice of two infeed doors adapts the grinder-blower for either grain or forage handling. The plain table has a hydraulic-operated rubber belt and is used for reconstituting hay or stover and grinding grain

The gravity door, which has a magnet mounted in the throat to keep metal from entering the mill, is designed for grain and forage operation. An eight foot chain and slat cross conveyor with hydraulic drive and flail hopper is used to feed either door. A 12 foot hydraulic operated chain conveyor is designed for carrying bales to the bale table. Adjustable vents on the front of the blower chamber regulate air through the blower and aid material flow. The hydraulically operated plain table and optional cross conveyor with hydraulic control assure constant material passage to the machine under any conditions.

Power goes to the machine through a 1,000 RPM shaft rated at 175 horsepower. Optional equipment includes a choice of thirteen screens ranging from 1/4 inch to 2 1/2 inch and a bar screen for hay and stover grinding.

The grinder-blower is available from Farmhand dealers and distributors throughout the U.S. and Canada. Farmhand manufacturers a broad line of crop handling and harvesting equipment and specialized agricultural machinery. Corporate offices are at 1011 First Street South, Hopkins.



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